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I. General.

The State Enterprise for Cattle Breeding was created in 1949 and subordinated to the Stock Department of the Ministry of Agriculture.

The task of the enterprise was to transfer the entire cattle stock of the country from private to state and cooperative farms. This involved:

- A. Technical arrangements.
- B. Financial and legal arrangements.
- C. Over-all planning of the transfer.
- D. Statistics on numbers and quality of the cattle involved.
- E. Control and supervision of cattle stocks.

The enterprise had its Central Office in Budapest and branches in the principal towns.

It was also concerned with import and export of cattle.

II. Organization.

- A. Location of the Central Office: Budapest, Lenin Kocrut 49.
- B. Location of the Branches: 15 branches in the principal towns.
- C. Organization of the Central Office.

1. General Manager (under political control)
2. Assistant Manager.

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3. Legal Adviser.
4. Commercial Section with the following subdivisions:

Cattle.
Horses.
Pigs.
Sheep.
Poultry.

5. Administrative Section with subdivisions for

Business direction.
Bookkeeping.
Finance.
Control.

- D. Organization of the Branches.

General Manager.
8-15 experienced employees.

III. Methods of Work.

- A. General. In accordance with instructions issued by the Ministry for Agriculture, plans were worked out by the Planning Section and orders to purchase given to the Commercial Section. The branches were then given instructions to hold public cattle markets in the centers concerned.
- B. Payment and Prices. The necessary funds were transmitted in cash or by check through the State Bank, after the Higher Council for State Economy had given its approval. Purchasing contracts with private sellers were worked out by the Central Office for the whole country, and the seller was made liable for the quality of the stock sold and for all statements made. Prices were high, as only first-class pedigree cattle was purchased.

In 1950, the value of the cattle purchased was about 150,000,000 Forint or \$15,000,000.

- C. Delivery of the Purchased Cattle. It was decided in advance to which cooperative, state enterprise or export firm any animal, bought by this organization, was to be sent, and the purchaser had to forward the cattle to its final destination directly from the market. The work was done by experts.
- D. Import and Export. In 1950, bulls were imported from the firm of Pulver in Switzerland, horses from Belgium, and racehorses from France through the intermediary of the State Enterprise, "Terimpex".

Since 1949, cattle were exported only to the USSR via Csap.

- IV. The General Manager of the State Enterprise for Cattle Breeding is Károly Jézmás. He is a former plumber and a member of the Communist Party.

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